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SUBJ: OPERA DIRECTOR PATRICK BAKMAN

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1. FOLLOWING PROVIDED PER CU REQUEST:)STAGE DIRECTOR PATRICK BAKMAN, NEW YORK CITY OPERA, KOREA VISWT FACILITATED BY CU/ARTS. DIRECTED KOREAN NATIONAL OPERA COMPANY PRODUCTION OF "LA BOHEME."

2. BAKMAN WORKED WITH NATIONAL OPERA OCTOBER 14-NOVEMBER 4 AND DIRECTED OPERA "LA BOHEME" PERFORMED NOVEMBER 3-8, ACCOMPANIED BY NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA UNDER BATON MF AUSTRIAN CONDUCTOR KURT WOSS. PRODUCTION WAS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS CAPTIVATING APPROXIMATELY 9,000 AUDIENCE AND FILLING THEATER TO CAPACITY. YOUNG DIRECTOR WORKED VERY HARD TO STAGE "LA BOHEME" AND SOLVE CONFLICTING INTERPRE-TATIONS WHICH STEM FROM DIRFERENCT CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS. BOTH BAKMAN AND ENTIRE STAFF AND CAST WORKED LATE ALMOST SESSIONS, ESTABLISHING CORDIAL PROFESSIONAL RAPPORT WHICH IMPRESSED ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.

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3. ALL LEADING NEWSPAPERS PROMINENTLY PLACED BOXED BAKMAN INTERVIEW ARTICLES DISCUSSING HIS PROPOSED APPROACH TO PRODUCTION OF "LA BOHEME." PUBLIC REACTION QUITE SATISFACTORY AND ROK NATIONAL THEATER OFFICIALS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN INVITING BAKMAN BACK FOR FUTURE COLLABORATION, IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.
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